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SUBJECT: UB VICE PRESIDENT LOPEZ BALBOA

1. IN CONVERSATION APRIL 16 WITH DEPARTMENT, UB EXECUTIVE OFFICER GELSTHORPE ADVISED US HE HAD BEEN IN TOUCH WITH AMBASSADOR LAZARUS REGARDING THE SITUATION OF UB VICE PRESIDENT LOPEZ BALBOA. GELSTHORPE TOLD DEPARTMENT THAT HE HAD REQUESTED AMBASSADOR LAZARUS TO PASS MESSAGE TO GOH THAT INABILITY OF LOPEZ BALBOA TO LEAVE HONDURAS WAS CAUSING SERIOUS PROBLEMS TO UB DUE TO NEED FOR LOPEZ BALBOA'S SERVICES ELSEWHERE. GELSTHORPE STRESSED THAT UB WOULD GUARANTEE GOH THAT LOPEZ BALBOA WOULD BE AVAILABLE AT ANY PLACE AND AT ANY TIME TO RESPOND TO ANY INQUIRIES GOH MIGHT HAVE REGARDING UB PAYMENTS MATTER BUT THAT HE WOULD VERY MUCH APPRECIATE IF GOH COULD SEE ITS WAY CLEAR TO ALLOWING LOPEZ BALBOA TO LEAVE COUNTRY.

2. ACCORDING TO GELSTHORPE, AMBASSADOR LAZARUS PROMISED TO PASS THIS MESSAGE ON TO HIS GOVERNMENT WITH HIS RECOMMENDATION THAT LOPEZ BALBOA BE ALLOWED TO LEAVE COUNTRY ON THE GUARANTEE, STATED ABOVE, OF UB.

3. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION CT MAY
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HAVE WITHOUT MAKING SPECIAL INQUIRY REGARDING CURRENT
STATUS OF LOPEZ BALBOA. HAS HE BEEN ALLOWED TO LEAVE
COUNTRY? KISSINGER

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